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Attorney General Darrell McGraw Awards \$60,000 in Funding to the Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College.

Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of \$60,000 to the Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College. This funding will go to support the Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College's School of Nursing and comes from the proceeds of actions taken against the pharmaceutical industry on behalf of West Virginia consumers. The funding presented today is the first of three annual installments of \$60,000.

According to Joanne Tomblin, President of the Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College, the school has been in existence since 1971 and is one of the original free standing community colleges in West Virginia.. Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College has campuses in Boone, Mingo, Logan and Wyoming counties and has a reciprocity agreement with two schools in Eastern Kentucky. President Tomblin further stated that the funding presented today will go to expand the school's nursing program to accommodate more students. West Virginia Community & Technical College's Allied Health Program has received state and national recognition and presently has approximately 200 nursing students in its nursing program. West Virginia Community & Technical College has an enrollment of approximately 5,00 credit and non-credit students at all four facilities.

"This funding will support the training and education of nurses in West Virginia." McGraw stated. "Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College provides an opportunity for students to train in their community and it provides southern West Virginia with a reliable source of qualified nurses. The expansion of the nursing program with the funding presented here today will go a long way in alleviating West Virginia's nursing shortage. I am proud to see the fruits of our labor go back to the citizens of West Virginia through the works of the Southern Community and Technical College."

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